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New Jersey's Soybean Production Up 11 Percent from the August 1 Forecast

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around September 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

- **Corn** production is forecast at 8.64 million bushels, an increase of 25 percent from last year. Producers expect 120 bushels per acre for the 2004 crop, unchanged from the August 1, 2004, forecast. This is 7 bushels above the 2003 average yield. The state record yield is 134 bushels per acre, set in 2000. The 10-year (1994-2003) state average yield is 100 bushels per acre. Area intended for harvest as grain is 72,000 acres, up 11,000 from last year.
- **Soybean** yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from the previous year. This yield is 4 bushels higher than the August 1, 2004, forecast. The state record yield is 40 bushels per acre, set in 2000. The 10-year average yield is 31 bushels per acre. Production is expected to total 3.84 million bushels, up 28 percent from 2003.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 275 hundredweight per acre, up 25 hundredweight from last year. The state record yield is 285 hundredweight per acre, set in 2000. The 10-year average is 259 hundredweight. Production is set at 633,000 hundredweight, which is 42,000 hundredweight less than last year.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Soybeans, and Summer Potatoes

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2003	Aug 1 2004 Forecast	Sept 1 2004 Forecast	Final 2003	Aug 1 2004 Forecast	Sept 1 2004 Forecast	Final 2003	Aug 1 2004 Forecast	Sept 1 2004 Forecast
NEW JERSEY		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Thousand Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	61	72	72	113.0	120.0	120.0	6,893	8,640	8,640
Soybeans	Bu.	88	96	96	34.0	36.0	40.0	2,992	3,456	3,840
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	2.7	1/	2.3	250.0	1/	275.0	675	1/	633
UNITED STATES		- Thousand Acres -			- Units -			- Million Units -		
Corn for grain	Bu.	71,139	73,377	73,377	142.2	148.9	149.4	10,113.9	10,923.1	10,960.7
Soybeans	Bu.	72,321	73,655	73,655	33.4	39.1	38.5	2,417.6	2,876.6	2,836.0
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	58.7	1/	55.1	320.0	1/	336.0	18.8	1/	18.5

1/ First summer potato forecast is September 1.

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released October 12, 2004.

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